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Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the *Agrobacterium* suspension on the transformation efficiency of *Agrobacterium* strains. The *Agrobacterium* strains were cultured in the YEA medium for 24 h at 28°C. The cell concentration of the *Agrobacterium* suspension was adjusted to 10⁸ cells/ml. The *Agrobacterium* suspension was then mixed with the plant protoplast suspension at a ratio of 1:1. The mixture was then incubated for 24 h at 28°C. The transformation efficiency was determined by the number of transformants per 10⁶ protoplasts. The data are the mean ± SD of three independent experiments.

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